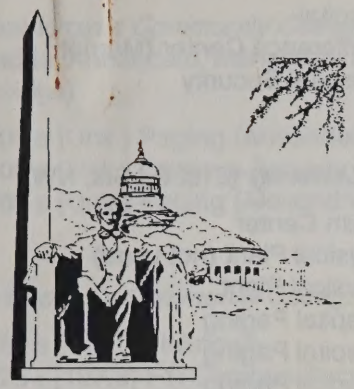

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As overwhelming as the 1993 Inauguration may have been for scanner listeners, we did make several noteworthy observations. Many of the MDW frequency pairs used during the 1993 Inauguration, for example, matched the MDW frequencies used for the "Victory Day Weekend" and for the Gorbachev summits. Judging from the past, we may expect the MDW to use the same frequencies for future events.

FINAL MDW LISTING by Bill Hardman

MDW Headquarters (State Sword)

139.0500 r 136.5 Ops 2
139.0500 s None Ops 2 Simplex
139.0750 r 179.9 Personnel Net
139.0750 s None Personnel Net Simplex
139.1000 r 136.5 Ceremonies/Spl Events
139.1000 s None Cer/Spl Evts Simplex
139.1750 r 136.5 Ops 1
139.1750 s None Ops 1 Simplex
139.3500 s None Public Affairs Net
143.0000 r 136.5 3rd Inf Ops
143.0000 s None 3rd Inf Ops Simplex
148.5500 s 136.5 3rd Inf Ceremonies

MDW Special Events

150.1500 138.325 156.7 Command Net
141.9250 Simplex 156.7 Dispersal Control Net
142.3250 Simplex 156.7 Capitol Ushers
142.4000 138.350 156.7 Rapid Trans Net 2
142.4500 138.400 156.7 Trans 3 Net
142.4750 140.150 156.7 Exec Trans 2? Net
143.3750 139.550 156.7 Parade Control Net
143.8750 138.900 156.7 Capitol Control Net
148.3750 139.225 156.7 Trans Support Net 1
148.5500 139.250 156.7 Exec Trans 1 Net
148.7000 Simplex 156.7 Designated Spl Events
148.8750 Rptr 156.7 Route Control Net
149.1250 140.000 156.7 Logistics Spt Net 1
149.2750 139.425 156.7 VIP Escort Net 1
149.7750 Simplex 156.7 Public Affairs
149.8750 141.050 156.7 Rapid Trans Net 1
150.4250 139.775 156.7 VIP Escort Net 2

MONITORING AREA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

by Alan Henney

Tired of listening to the routine conversations which plague police and fire channels? Want something different and perhaps even educational? Try monitoring a local college or university and add more variety to your scanning.

Some educational institutions, with populations exceeding many towns, provide scanner listeners with countless hours of entertainment. For example, remember the hoards of kids from Gallaudet University who marched into the streets one Sunday evening, stalling traffic and surprising police; or the disturbances at Howard University where tear gas was used; or the budget-cut protests at College Park which closed US 1 during rush hour?

With a few exceptions, we've been able to pin-down the primary frequencies used by area colleges and universities. One exception is the American University security frequency, which we have yet to find. If you can add to our explanations, or fill in any blanks, please do. The "Metro System College Directory" is a perfect companion for this profile. Call WMATA (202-962-2773) for your free copy. Many thanks to Charlie Bowman for his George Mason University listings.

American University (4400 Massachusetts Ave, NW)

151.7450 s [151.4] Physical Plant
151.8350 s [ ] Campus Library
151.8950 s [ ]
495.6875 r [ ]

Bowie State University

153.8600 r [127.3] Campus Police
156.0000 i [127.3] Input to 153.86
155.0250 s [Unk] Physical Plant

The Catholic University of America
(620 Michigan Ave, NE)

151.8350 s [Unk] National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
464.5750 r [100.0] Campus Security
464.7750 r [Unk] Physical Plant

Columbia Union College (Takoma Park)

154.5400 s [Unk] Campus Security (former)
495.7375 r [546] Campus Security

Corcoran School of Art (17th St & New York Ave, NW)

469.8250 s [Unk]

Gallaudet University (800 Florida Ave, NE)

154.5400 s [Unk] Campus Scity (Former Frequency)
462.1250 r [Unk]

Kendall Elementary School

464.8250 s [Unk]
469.8250 s [Unk]
851.4125 r [146.2] Physical Plant
851.7125 r [Unk]
855.0625 r [146.2] Campus Security (Primary)
855.2875 r [146.2] Campus Security (Alternate)

George Mason University (Arlington and Fairfax)

151.6850 s [Unk]
462.6500 r [Unk] F1: Physical Plant
462.6500 s [Unk] F2: Physical Plant
464.5125 s [Unk] F1: Safety Department
464.5375 s [Unk] F2: Safety Department
855.4875 r [Unk] F1: Campus Police
855.7125 r [Unk] F2: Campus Police
854.1375 r [107.2] F3: Fairfax County Police F1

Georgetown University (37th & O Sts, NW)

151.6550 s [Unk] Hospital
151.6850 s [Unk] Hospital
151.8950 s [Unk] Hospital
151.9550 s [127.3] GERMS (BLS ambulance) Dispatch
152.0075 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
155.2200 s [Unk] Hospital
155.2350 s [Unk] Hospital
163.2500 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
463.5750 s [Unk] Unknown
463.7250 r [734] Campus Security
464.1125 s [Unk] Unknown
464.1250 r [Unk] Conference Center (Marriott)
464.4750 r [Unk] Hospital
464.5750 s [Unk] Conference Center (Marriott)
464.8250 r [192.8] Hospital Security

George Washington University (21st & I Sts, NW)

151.6850 s [Unk] Smith Center
151.8350 s [Unk] Physical Plant (not used)
151.8650 s [94.8] Physical Plant
152.0075 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
157.4500 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
163.2500 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
463.6750 r [173.8] F1: Campus Security (Primary)
463.6750 s [82.5] F2: Campus Security (Secondary)
464.4375 r [173.8] F1: Marvin Center (Primary)
464.4375 s [173.8] F2: Marvin Center (Talk-around)
464.4500 r [Unk] University Computer Center
464.4750 s [114.8] Smith Center Operations
464.9250 r [74.4] Hospital Security
469.4750 s [Unk] Smith Center (not used)

Howard University (2244 10th St, NW)

155.2800 s [186.2] Hospital Security
155.3400 s [Unk] Hospital
163.2500 s [Unk] Hospital Paging
450.2875 s [Unk] WHMM-TV32 Remote Pick-up
450.5875 s [Unk] WHMM-TV32 Remote Pick-up
455.2875 s [Unk] WHMM-TV32 Remote Pick-up
455.5875 s [Unk] WHMM-TV32 Remote Pick-up
461.7000 r [118.8] Campus Security
463.2750 r [Unk] Unknown
463.4375 s [Unk] Unknown

Johns Hopkins University
(1740 Massachusetts Ave, NW)

151.8950 s [Unk] Inknown

Marymount University (Arlington)

464.5750 s [Unk] Unknown

Montgomery College
(Germantown, Rockville and Takoma Park)

154.5400 s [Unk] Campus Security (Germantown)
154.5400 s [186.2] Campus Security (Rockville)
154.5400 s [229.1] Campus Security (Takoma Park)
155.1450 s [Unk] Campus Security (Rockville)
464.1250 r [Unk] Campus Delivery Service
464.2000 r [Unk] Maintenance (Takoma Park's future repeater)
469.2000 s [Unk] Maintenance (Takoma Park)

Northern Virginia Community College (Alexandria, Annandale, Manassas, Sterling & Woodbridge)

035.9200 s [Unk] Paging (Annandale Campus)
037.0400 s [Unk] Campus Security (all campuses)
158.4600 s [Unk] Paging (Alexandria Campus)

Prince George's Community College (Largo)

464.9750 s [Unk] Unknown
496.0375 r [127.3] F1: Campus Security
494.5375 r [127.3] F2: PG County Police (F2)

Trinity College (125 Michigan Ave, NE)

151.7150 s [115] Campus Security

University of the District of Columbia (4200 Connecticut Ave, NW)

153.9800 s [Unk] Unknown
464.8250 r [146.2] Campus Security
464.8750 r [Unk] Unknown
464.9750 r [146.2] Physical Plant

University of Maryland at College Park

031.2400 s [Unk] Adult Education Center
151.8050 s [Unk] Reckord Armory
151.8650 s [Unk] Residential Facilities
153.7550 s [Unk] Adult Educ. Center (Security/Ops)
154.5400 s [306] Commuter Affairs (shuttle)
154.5400 s [Unk] McKeldin Library
154.6000 s [Unk] Byrd Stadium
155.0250 r [118.8] Physical Plant (Work Control)
158.8650 i [118.8] Input to 155.025
453.5750 r [173.8] F1: Police Dispatch
453.5750 s [173.8] F2: Police (Talk-around)
461.3375 s [Unk] Administration (Lee Building)
461.3875 s [Unk] Administration (Lee Building)
464.3250 r [125] Campus Parking Department
464.4750 s [Unk] Stamp Student Union
464.8250 s [Unk] Health & Human Performance (PERH Building)

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Back to School for Chelsea: If you want to keep up with the Clintons these days, especially Chelsea, you'll need to monitor the Sidwell Friends School's security frequency. Security at the Wisconsin Avenue school operates on a repeater with telephone interconnect on 461.3875 (CTCSS of 100.0 Hz). Additionally, the Sidwell Friends School holds licenses for 496.8125 (probably transportation) and for a leased trunked system.

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FREQUENCY SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FEB. 17 STATE OF THE UNION ADDRESS

162.2500 r [127.3] US Capitol Police F7/8
163.1000 r [127.3] US Supreme Court Police
163.2750 r [127.3] US Supreme Court Police
164.6000 r [127.3] US Capitol Police F5/6
164.6250 r [127.3] US Capitol Police F2/4
164.8000 r [127.3] US Capitol Police F1/3
166.7250 r [127.3] US Park SOD
169.2250 r [127.3] US Capitol Police F12
169.5750 s [None] House Republican Pager
170.3750 s [None] House Democrat Pager
171.1750 s [None] Senate Democrat Pager
171.9750 s [None] Senate Republican Pager
406.6750 s [071] Senate Pager (New for 93)
406.8000 s [071] Senate Pager (new for '93)
414.8750 r [Unk] Architect of the Capitol F1/24
16.1500 s [None] Architect of the Capitol Pager
453.5500 r [100.0] P-MARS
460.2750 r [127.3] MPD SOD

Additionally, the US Secret Service channels that are routinely used to escort the President will be in use. Another place to listen is the escort frequencies for the cabinet members, for example, 411.425 for the Secretary of State, and/or 171.3625 for the Secretary of Transportation. By tradition, one cabinet member will not attend. He/she is the "designated survivor" in case of a catastrophe.

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PAGER NOTIFICATION NETWORK NOW IN OPERATION

Fire buffs and scanner listeners, for several months now, toyed with the idea of starting a pager notification network, much like the paging system available in New York. Thanks to the efforts of Paul Bowling and Ken Mezger, an alphanumeric pager notification network, known as the Public Safety Network (PSN), went on-line Jan. 15.

PSN subscribers receive notification of fire, rescue and major police-related activity via pager in the Washington and Baltimore area. The service, provided by Metromedia, relies upon dispatchers who monitor public safety frequencies for newsworthy events and then page PSN members.

The same pager, if desired, serves as a personal pager and for voicemail. For details call the PSN information line (202-943-5747). If you hear a newsworthy incident and would like to share it with others, please leave a message on the PSN Hotline (202-943-5746). A dispatcher will retrieve your message and notify PSN members.

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MYSTERY FREQUENCY OF THE MONTH

155.76: Recently, I have been hearing a digital squelch repeater on this frequency in the Silver Spring area (definitely not Rockville City). It appears to be used to provide low-level security on a 24-hour basis. Occasional references are made to "company numbers" (as in Company 6) which may, or may not, refer to fire stations. The FCC database shows: Chatham, Chesterfield County, Suffolk, Wytheville and Northampton County in Virginia and Rockville and Dorchester County in Maryland licensed on this frequency. Please Help!

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DC FIRE REALIGNS BATTALIONS

John Scott informs us of DCFD Special Order 53 which abolished the DCFD's Second Battalion on Nov. 1. Here is the current battalion-apparatus listing. Thanks John!

Battalion 1

Engine 6, 1300 New Jersey Avenue, NW 20001-1228 Truck 4, Rescue Squad 1, Ambulance 5

Engine 12, 2225 5th Street, NE 20002-1227 Ambulances 17 & 23, Hazmat Unit 1, Hazmat Support Unit,Light Unit & Trailer, Battalion Fire Chief 1 (Ambulance 23 is at E-33 from 19:00 to 13:00 the next day)

Engine 14, 4801 North Capitol Street, NE 20011-6705 Medic 18, Ambulance 4

Engine 17, 1227 Monroe Street, NE 20017-2508

Engine 26, 1340 Rhode Island Avenue, NE 20018-3707 Truck 15

Battalion 2 - Abolished (November 1, 1992).

Battalion 3

Engine 15, 2101 14th Street, SE 20020-4801Rescue Squad 3, Cave-In Unit, Ambulance 12, Battalion Fire Chief 3

Engine 25, 3203 Martin Luther King, Junior Avenue, SE 20032-1539 Ambulance 26

Engine 32, 2425 Irving Street, SE 20020-2719 Truck 16, Medic 3

Engine 33, 101 Atlantic Street, SE 20032-3035 Tower 8, Ambulances 21 & 23 (Ambulance 23 is at E-12 from 13:00 to 19:00)

Engine 34, 2700 Martin Luther King, Junior Avenue, SE 20032-2698 (Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, located in, but not a part of Battalion 3)

Battalion 4

Engine 4, 2531 Sherman Avenue, NW 20001-2233 Rescue Squad 2, Air Compressor, Mass & Metro Support Units, Ambulance 19

Engine 9, 1617 U Street, NW 20009-6211 Truck 9, Ambulance 2

Engine 11, 3420 14th Street, NW 20010-3401 Truck 6, Ambulance Supervisor EMS 1, Battalion Fire Chief 4

Engine 22, 5760 Georgia Avenue, NW 20011-2929 Truck 11

Engine 24, 3702 Georgia Avenue, NW 20010-1623 Ambulance 25

Battalion 5

Engine 20, 4300 Wisconsin Avenue, NW 20016-2140 Truck 12, Ambulance 8

Engine 21, 1763 Lanier Place, NW 20009-2119 Medic 1

Engine 28, 3522 Connecticut Avenue, NW 20008-2401 Truck 14, Battalion Fire Chief 5

Engine 29, 4811 MacArthur Boulevard, NW 20007-1556 Truck 5 *

Engine 31, 4930 Connecticut Avenue, NW 20008-2021 Rescue Squad 4, Ambulance 20

Battalion 6

Engine 1, 2225 M Street, NW 20037-1416 Truck 2, Twinned Agent Unit 2, Ambulance 24, Battalion Fire Chief 2

Engine 2, 500 F Street, NW 20001-2731 Truck 1, Field Command Unit, Medic 11, Ambulance supervisor EMS 2, Deputy Fire Chief

Engine 5, 3412 Dent Place, NW 20007-2714 Canteen Unit *, Twinned Agent Unit 2 (Reserve)

Engine 16, 1018 13th Street, NW 20005-4008 Truck 3, Ambulance 14, Battalion Fire Chief 6

Engine 23, 2119 G Street, NW 20037-2731

Battalion 7

Engine 3, 439 New Jersey Avenue, NW 20001-2001 Ambulance 15

Engine 7, 1101 Half Street, SW 20024-3613 Salvage Unit

Engine 13, 450 6th Street, SW 20024-2753 Tower 10, Twinned Agent Unit 1, Foam Units 1 & 2, Ambulance 6

Engine 18, 414 8th Street, SE 20003-2832 Truck 7, Battalion Fire Chief 7

Fireboats 1 & 2, 550 Maine Avenue, SW 20024

Battalion 8

Engine 8, 1520 C Street, SE 20003-2432 Medic 9, Ambulances 7 & 16

Engine 10, 1342 Florida Avenue, NE 20002-7108 Truck 13

Engine 19, 2813 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE 20020-3834

Engine 27, 4201 Minnesota Avenue, NE 20019-2706 Gasoline Tank Truck

Engine 30, 50 49th Street, NE 20019-5229 Truck 17, Medic 22, Ambulances 10 & 13, Battalion Fire Chief 8

* Temporary Pending Completion of Renovations (Probably Permanent)

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AFFORDABLE CTCSS DECODERS

Casual scanner listeners now can afford to detect CTCSS, DCS and DTMF (touch-tones) using a simple add-on device, such as the CD-1. Connect Systems, Inc. (CSI) recently introduced the CD-1 "communications decoder unit" which sells for $200. John Scott says he has a similar unit, the TCF-3, which sells from AIE for about $300 and is harder to install. For details call CSI (800-545-1349) or AIE (800-397-9256). Unfortunately, it seems only Uniden (Bearcat) makes a scanner with programmable CTCSS tones for routine monitoring. If you know of others, please share the information. They are great in high density areas and also when you don't want to have to listen to DES "noise."

DATES TO REMEMBER

Date Event Contact

May 14-15 Andrews AFB Open House 301-981-6681

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Next CHM Meeting Details

Our thanks to MPD Dispatcher John Gales for his tour of the MPD Communications Division. We have no events/meetings presently scheduled for this month. In the next few weeks, however, we hope to have a date set for a "club organizational" meeting. Check next month's newsletter for details.

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Please address all correspondence to Alan. We encourage readers to submit material and to write articles which relate to the hobby. Additionally, we welcome frequency and visitor requests, but kindly include a SASE.

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Frequency Forum Computer Bulletin Board:

We encourage computer users to log onto Jack Anderson's Frequency Forum computer BBS at 703-207-9622 (8-N-1). Frequency Forum is the official electronic gathering place for readers of the Capitol Hill Monitor!

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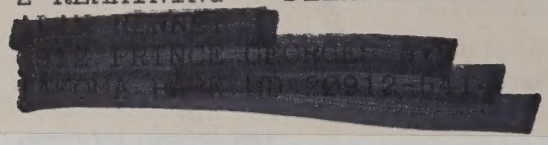
2 REMAINING - PLEASE RENEW



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851.4125	r	[146.2]	Physical Plant
851.7125	r	[ ]	
855.0625	r	[146.2]	Campus Security (Primary)
855.2875	r	[146.2]	Campus Security (Alternate)

16.1500 on Page 3 should be 416.150 (Architect of the Capitol Pager).

THIS JUST IN.... DC FIRE COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION TOUR

Gene Lichtman, one of the fire buffs who took the MPD Communications Division tour, invites us along for a tour of the DC Fire communications center.

The tour is presently scheduled for Saturday, March 13 at 8:30 a.m. The DC Fire communications center is at 300 McMillan Dr., NW on the southwest side of the McMillan Reservoir near Howard University (just look for the antenna tower). Parking is available in the lot beyond the communications center, or on the street.

For more details call Gene at 301-649-1321.